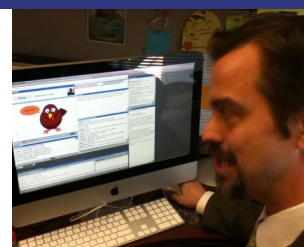




ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

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The Publications Catalog

The Materials Branch produces a variety of print and multimedia resources, including student guides, teacher training manuals, simplified readers, and visual aids, which explore topics ranging from grammar to teaching methodology, culture, and geography. These materials would be an excellent addition to American Corners or English language resource centers and would enliven Access summer camps or conversation clubs. Teachers who wish to supplement their teaching of English with American studies will find many of these resources invaluable.

Downloadable Titles

- *Celebrate! Holidays in the USA*: a reference guide to American holidays and celebrations
- *The Lighter Side of TEFL*: a collection of puzzles from *English Teaching Forum*
- *Shaping the Way We Teach English*: a multimedia teacher-training program
- *Sing Out Loud: Children's Songs and Traditional Songs*: over 25 classic American songs and lyrics

Forthcoming Publications

- *Activate: Games for Learning American English*: A portable kit including language learning board games, playing cards, and other gaming resources that teachers can easily replicate. Manual with teaching ideas included.
- *American Themes*: An anthology of contemporary teen literature with supporting activities and a comprehensive teacher's guide.
- *Create to Communicate: Art Activities for EFL*: A teacher's reference with step-by-step lesson plans for teaching English through drawing, painting, sculpting and mixed media projects. Ideal for younger learners.
- The Ladder Series in Audio: Classic simplified readers—books by Mark Twain, Jack London, Stephen Crane, and O. Henry—recorded in character and downloadable.
- *Raggedy Ann Stories*: A simplified reader for younger learners with pre-and post-discussion questions, a picture glossary, and a downloadable audio supplement.
- *Sing Out Loud: American Rhythms*: A third CD in the Sing Out Loud series, showcasing a variety of popular genres and culturally and linguistically interesting lyrics.

The Materials Branch in the Office of English Language Programs offers a range of print and electronic resources that support high-quality English language instruction worldwide. Titles are cataloged at the web address above, along with a growing number of downloadable resources, such as the popular quarterly publication *English Teaching Forum*. Print copies may be requested by contacting the Public Affairs or Cultural Section of the nearest U.S. Embassy. The Materials Branch encourages and showcases use of these materials and provides teacher training through an array of distance education programs.

English Teaching Forum

English Teaching Forum, a quarterly, peer-reviewed journal for classroom teachers of English as a foreign or second language, has been published since 1962 and has a circulation of over 78,000. Past issues dating back to 1993 are available at forum.state.gov.

Distance Education

The Materials Branch utilizes the latest technology to deliver multiple distance education programs for teacher training.

E-Teacher Scholarship Program

The E-Teacher Scholarship Program offers international English teaching professionals the opportunity to take seven innovative online graduate-level classes through the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and the University of Oregon. The courses explore major areas of the academic specialty of Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL).

Shaping the Way We Teach English Webinar Series

In November 2010, the Office of English Language Programs launched its first series of webinar courses for teachers worldwide, addressing a variety of teaching methodology topics and encouraging interactive, student-centered language instruction. Participants engage in a community of practice on an associated Ning website and earn an e-certificate of participation if they attend a majority of the sessions in a series.

Forthcoming Online Resources

- *Access English Online*: Also known as "Trace Effects," this innovative language learning video game will complement a student's classroom English language instruction through web-based, interactive, 3D multimedia learning activities. Geared at young people, Trace Effects will expose users to American culture and society and explore themes related to community activism, environmental conservation, female empowerment, science and innovation, and international diplomacy and world peace.
- *American English Online*: This go-to Internet portal will link to USG-created resources for learning and teaching American English and culture, serve as a library of teacher-training webinars and source material, house interactive forums, and link to social media outlets related to English language teaching and learning.

